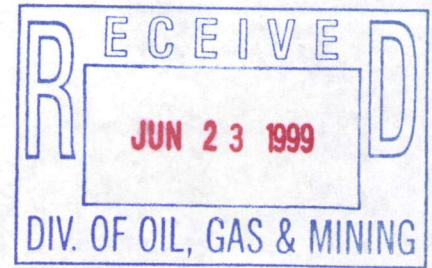


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Dear Wayne:

I am sincere in my hope that the Division did indeed forward a copy of the Grouse Creek NOI LMO in it's entirety, including all maps and cross sections to the Salt Lake District Office BLM. They seem to be of the opinion that more and additional information is necessary. I believe that for the purposes of my involvement in the area all pertinent information is already included therein. Do they have the ability to render a definition of "disturbance" which would go contrary to MOU's already in place? Grouse Creek has already received final approval as a "permitted" Large Mine. A reclamation bond of \$12,500.00 which reflects a cost of almost \$1,600.00 per acre (slightly exorbitant) is in place. Someone will have to put the BLM straight on the fact that if there is nothing to reclaim there can be no requirement for reclamation insurance. If you may have any helpful advice on this issue, I would welcome it.

Sincerely,

Bill Bown